

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks.

This is in response to the Advisory Action dated April 4, 2005, in which the Patent Examiner has stated that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed March 21, 2005, will not be entered.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) has now been filed. In response to this Advisory Action, it is pointed out that amended claim 7 is not related to the embodiment shown in FIG. 2, but does relate to amended FIG. 1 (filed as Replacement Sheet). Only newly added independent claim 14 and dependent claims 15, 16, and 17 relate to the embodiment shown in FIG. 2.

Amended FIG. 1 differs from FIG. 1 originally filed by the added reference number 3.

FIG. 1 clearly shows that the attachment flange (1) has a hub-sleeve element (3) having a conical region.

It is respectfully pointed out that the hub-sleeve element in FIG. 1 is denoted with the reference number 3. Also, this reference numeral is used in FIG. 2 to denote a part of a hub-sleeve element which is implemented in multiple parts. In FIG. 2 these multiple parts are namely a first part having a conical region and being implemented in one piece with the attachment flange (1) and another (i.e. second) part (3) being assigned as a sleeve-shaped hub core to the shaft end (2).

For these reasons in FIG. 2 and in claim 14, the reference numerals were amended. Thus, it is appropriate to denote in FIG. 2, and accordingly in claim 14, that the first part of the hub-sleeve element has a reference number 3.1 and that the second part has a reference number 3.2. Please find enclosed a revised FIG. 2 which has been amended in this way.

No new matter has been introduced. All of the arguments for the patentability of the claimed invention as set forth in the Amendment After Final previously filed on March 21, 2005, are

herewith incorporated by reference.

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Enclosure: Copy of Replacement Sheet for FIG. 2

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend FIG. 2 of the Drawings by substituting the attached "Replacement Sheet" of FIG. 2 for FIG. 2 currently on file.